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**Application Number: 10/580,427** )  
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**Filed: May 24, 2006** )  
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**For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING AGONIST AND** )  
**ANTAGONIST FOR TARGET PROTEIN WITH USE OF** )  
**NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE TECHNIQUE,** )  
**AND PROGRAM FOR USE IN THE METHOD** )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment supercedes the previous Preliminary Amendment filed in the above-styled patent application. Applicant has amended the claims in order to eliminate the multiple dependent claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: